

House Resolution No. 2395

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Curran Park in North Kansas City, Missouri, which was recognized in 2004 by the Historical Society of North Kansas City, the City of North Kansas City and the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City for its contribution to serving the community; and

Whereas, on February 3, 1903, Chicago meat packers Armour and Company and Swift and Company, funded the North Kansas City Development Company and purchased several thousands of acres of Clay County property north of the Missouri River from Willard E. Winner; and

Whereas, intended for relocation of their respective meat packing plants and stockyards, newly adopted congressional legislation thwarted such plans and company officials decided to develop the land; and

Whereas, in 1907, Hugh J. Curran was sent with Armour-Swift personnel to implement Armour-Swift Development using North Kansas City Development Company; and

Whereas, for thirty years until his retirement as President of the company in 1937, Mr. Curran led the effort to establish, to develop, and to build North Kansas City; and

Whereas, in recognition of Mr. Curran's dedicated efforts, land on the west side of Swift Avenue between 17th Avenue and 18th Avenue, a city park used since the early 1900s, was dedicated as "Curran Park" on July 31, 1931; and

Whereas, used for picnics, concerts, baseball, high school football games, and numerous other public activities including a night horseshoe pitching contest, Curran Park's contract was cancelled on February 15, 1946, with "discontinuance of service and removal of six street lamps":

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all those individuals involved in the 2004 placement of the marker in the area where Curran Park was located; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Curran Park.

Offered by _____
Representative Trent Skaggs
District No. 31

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2395, adopted April 21, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker